

# Rensselaer County Veterans Newsletter

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## Help Needed to Identify Veteran in Picutre

The Stephentown Veterans have a photo of a Fort Benning, Georgia Graduating Class of 27 June 1997, 4th Platoon, Infantry, Foxtrot 1-50.

### Van Transportation...

- \* *Don't drive* and need to get to the VA Medical Center?
- \* We offer complimentary van transportation to and from the VAMC for *most morning* medical appointments.

For more information please call (518) 270-2760.



The picture was provided to the Stephentown Veterans by a Veteran in that picture; however, there is no record of who that Veteran is. If you or someone you know was part of that graduating class, please contact Doug Mayen of Stephentown Veterans at (845) 742-0973.

If you would like to see the picture to see if you can identify any individuals, please either contact Doug Mayen of Stephentown Veterans or our office, and we will gladly email you the picture.

## A Message From Our County Executive

Greetings to our veterans and their families across Rensselaer County as we prepare for the end of winter and the start of spring. Just as the weather is turning, there is progress being made in the fight against COVID-19 with vaccinations. We are very proud our county has delivered 100 percent of the vaccines we have received, showing we place a high priority in properly vaccinating residents.

For veterans and their family members interested in obtaining vaccines, please send us your name, address, date of birth and phone number to [renscovax@gmail.com](mailto:renscovax@gmail.com). We have vaccinated thousands of residents, and our priority is to ensure every resident who needs a vaccine receives one.

On March 9, I delivered the State of the County, noting three consecutive tax reductions, historic job creation, the paving of 105 miles of roads, construction of a new emergency training tower, and a common-sense, compassionate response to the pandemic. Our county is seeing great success, and so much of that is due to the service and sacrifice of veterans like you and your families. Please know that every day, we recognize and appreciate the freedom and the security you have provided to our country and county.

Sincerely,

Steven F. McLaughlin

## **SERVICE-DISABLED VETERANS INSURANCE**

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### **What is Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance?**

Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (S-DVI) is life insurance for Veterans who received a service-connected disability rating from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The basic program is commonly called "RH Insurance." It insures eligible Veterans for up to \$10,000 of coverage. If you are totally disabled and have basic S-DVI coverage, you may be eligible for a premium waiver. If it is granted, you may be eligible to apply for additional coverage up to \$30,000 under the Supplemental S-DVI program. Premiums for this program cannot be waived.

### **Who is Eligible?**

You are eligible for S-DVI if all of the following are true:

- You were released from active duty under other than dishonorable conditions on or after April 25, 1951.
- You were rated for a service-connected disability (even if only 0%).
- You are in good health except for any service-connected conditions.
- You apply within 2 years from the date VA notifies you of your grant of a new service-connected disability.

Note: Ratings of Individual Unemployability or increases in previously rated conditions are not considered grants of "new" service-connected conditions under S-DVI. You must receive a rating for a new condition not previously rated by VA.

### **You are eligible for Supplemental S-DVI if all of the following are true:**

- You have a basic S-DVI policy.
- Your basic coverage premiums were waived due to total disability.
- You apply within one year of being notified of the waiver.
- You are under 65 years of age.

### **Here are a few reminders about applying for coverage:**

- It is your responsibility to apply by the time limit. This remains true even if you do not receive an application in the mail.
- Your VA rating for a service-connected disability does not automatically qualify you for a premium waiver. This remains true even if your rating is 100 percent. To qualify for a premium waiver, you must be unable to maintain substantially
- gainful employment for six consecutive months prior to age 65 or have certain severe conditions, regardless of employment status.

### **How Much Does it Cost?**

The cost varies based on:

- Age
- Type of plan (term or permanent)
- Amount of coverage

### **How Can You Apply for S-DVI?**

Use the following forms to apply:

- Apply online: <https://www.insurance.va.gov/Sdvi/AreYouEligible/e8590a76-2ea0-41f7-a949-00c92f24c3d1>.
- You can also apply for S-DVI with VA Form 29-4364. (<https://www.benefits.va.gov/INSURANCE/forms/29-4364.pdf>)
- Apply for a total disability waiver of premiums with VA Form 29-357. (<https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-29-357-ARE.pdf>)
- You will be provided an application for Supplemental S-DVI upon approval for waiver of premiums as long as you are under age 65.

For more information, call 800-669-8477 or visit <https://www.benefits.va.gov/insurance>.

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# Spaghetti Dinner Pickup Only

*Saturday, April 10th, 2021*

*Pickup between 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.*

Email: [VFWpost7338@gmail.com](mailto:VFWpost7338@gmail.com)

Phone: 518-477-7770

Help support your local veterans!

Dinner includes: Spaghetti and Meatballs

Dinner Roll & Butter

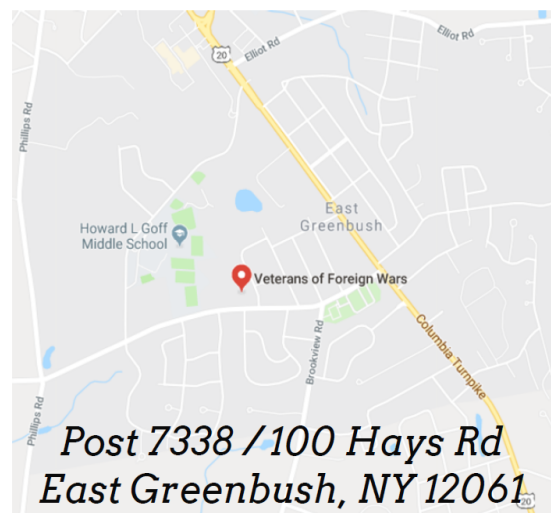
Pickup starts at 4:00 p.m.

\$15 per dinner

Please order in advance by emailing us at  
[VFWpost7338@gmail.com](mailto:VFWpost7338@gmail.com) or calling 477-7770

There will also be a raffle and donations are always  
welcome and very much appreciated!

Thank You  
FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT



Post 7338 / 100 Hays Rd  
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The VFW is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping Veterans, their Families and the Community.



# **BOOTS to BUSINESS | REBOOT**

**with the U.S. Small Business Administration**

**Register for one of these upcoming  
FREE 2-Day VIRTUAL training courses**

## **MARCH**

**25th & 26th B2B PR  
8:30am – 12:30pm EST Each Day**

**Register Here:**

**<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=4miyfhdab&oeidk=a07ehjep2bcc50913aa>**

## **APRIL**

**1st & 2nd B2BR NYC  
8:30am – 12:30pm EST Each Day**

**Register Here:**

**<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=4miyfhdab&oeidk=a07ehic6e8ked05faba>**

**6th B2BR SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY CENTER – IN PERSON**

**9am – 5pm EST Meeting Room 2  
522 Broadway – Saratoga Springs NY**

**Register Here:**

**<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=4miyfhdab&oeidk=a07ehorr6q18f96066b>**

**8th & 9th B2BR Elmira  
8:30am – 12:30pm EST Each Day**

**Register Here:**

**<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=4miyfhdab&oeidk=a07ehowsbl29b0769f8>**

**15th & 16th B2BR NJ  
8:30am – 12:30pm EST Each Day**

**Register Here:**

**<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=4miyfhdab&oeidk=a07ehga4dlt271d5aa5>**

**If you have any questions or need help getting registered please email Jennifer Beston at [JBoston@mcnultycenter.org](mailto:JBoston@mcnultycenter.org)**

